28.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	207
29.	Delhi	42
30.	Lakshadweep	—
31.	Pondicherry	—
	TOTAL	7,70,078

Census of Tigers, Lions and other Wild Cats

2740. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a fresh census of tigers, lions and other wild cats in different wild life sanctuaries has recently been held;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) which of the parks and sanctuaries show decline in population and the reasons to which the decline is attributable?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) The State Governments have been requested to carry out census of wild animals including tigers, lions and other wild cats in different National Parks/Sanctuaries/other areas during 1993. The results of the census operation are awaited.

(c) Does not arise.

Wildlife Sanctuary Turns a Death Trap

2741. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report which appeared in the Indian Express dated June 1, 1993, Captioned 'Wildlife sanctuary turns a death trap' pertaining to the fast deteriorating conditions in the Zoological Park, near Ormanjhi, Ranchi, and consequent extinction of rare breed animals at the zoo; and

(b) if so, whether Government have caused a survey of all the zoological parks and sanctuaries set up to protect and promote the rare breeds, in the light of the said report; if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir. The Newspaper report has come to the attention of the Government of India, indicating that one leopard, one sambhar and one neelgai have reportedly died. These animals, as per the classification of Zoological Survey of India, are not rare wild animals.

(b) The Government of India have established a Central Zoo Authority which among other things prescribes minimum standards of upkeep of wild animals in the zoos. This Authority is required to evaluate and assess the zoos with regard to these standards before granting recognition. The process of survey & evaluation has already been initiated.

Pending Proposal for Clearance

2742. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of proposals received for forest clearance during the last year;

(b) what is the total number of proposals pending for clearance;

(c) how many such proposals have been received from Maharashtra;

(d) how many out of (c) above have been cleared; and

(e) what is the reason for not clearing the remaining proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Since 1-8-1992 up to 31-7-1993, 352 proposals have been received for clearance under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

(b) As on 31-7-1993, 121 proposals were pending with the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

(c) Since 1-8-1992 up to 31-7-1993, 64 proposals have been received from Maharashtra.

(d) Out of the above 64, 18 proposals have been approved under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. During this same period, however, 23